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SUBJECT: LOS: EASTERN PACIFIC FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE GENEVA LOS
CONFERENCE, DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ECUADOREAN AND MEXICAN
DELEGATIONS RE EASTERN PACIFIC TUNA FISHERIES PROBLEM LED
TO TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE TALKS ON THE SUBJECT AT
THE UPCOMING UNGA IN NEW YORK. THESE TALKS WOULD DEAL
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TORY SPECIES IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC AREA. IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THE BASIC PRINCIPLES WITHIN ARTICLE 53 AS WELL AS SPECIFICS FOR FISHING IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC, WE BELIEVE PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE ON PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF NEW YORK MEETING IS HELPFUL. BECAUSE THE ECUADOREANS APPEAR RELUCTANT TO RECEIVE ANY MORE DELEGATIONS SUCH AS THE ONE WHICH VISITED QUITO IN FEBRUARY, A RELUCTANCE BASED ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH PRECLUDE THE APPEARANCE OF A BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE US, WE DECIDED THAT PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DEALING WITH LOS SHOULD RECONFIRM OUR VIEW RE FALL MEETING WITH ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR CARDENAS. THE FIRST DISCUSSION WITH CARDENAS WAS HELD ON JUNE 10. THE TALK WAS SATISFACTORY AND IT APPEARS CARDENAS IS WILLING TO ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY ON THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY

2. LOS NEGOTIATORS, AMBASSADORS JOHN NORTON MOORE AND THOMAS CLINGAN DESCRIBED TO CARDENAS THE TALKS WHICH THEY HAD HELD ON EASTERN PACIFIC FISHERIES MATTERS WITH ECUADOREAN AND OTHER LOS DELEGATES AT GENEVA. THEY NOTED THE INTEREST OF THE USG IN EXCHANGING THINKING WITH A NUMBER OF INTERESTED COUNTRIES PRIOR TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AT THE UNGA, TALKS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-SEPTEMBER. THEY INDICATED THAT THE NEW YORK TALKS WOULD HAVE TWO GOALS:

(A) FURTHER REFINEMENT OF ARTICLE 53 IN THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT SUBMITTED TO ALL DELEGATIONS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LOS MEETINGS IN GENEVA AND

(B) THE ELABORATION OF SPECIFIC REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FISHING IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC FOLLOWING THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 53. AMBASSADOR MOORE ASSURED AMBASSADOR CARDENAS THAT THESE TALKS WOULD BE MULTILATERAL, THAT THEY ARE THE CONTINUATION OF LOS DISCUSSIONS, AND THAT THE US DELEGATION CONTINUES TO OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS LAID DOWN BY THE GOE PRIOR TO FEBRUARY VISIT TO QUITO. THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR WAS TOLD THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE INTERIM PERIOD PRIOR TO THE UNGA ARE A NECESSITY IF THE FALL NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO BE PRODUCTIVE. HE WAS ALSO TOLD CONTACTS WOULD BE MADE WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO, NICARAGUA, COLOMBIA, CONFIDENTIAL

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